



Top House Dems raise prospect of impeachment, jail for Trump

By HOPE YEN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top House Democrats on Sunday raised the prospect of impeachment or almost-certain prison time for President Donald Trump if it's proved that he directed illegal hush-money payments to women, adding to the legal pressure on the president over the Russia investigation and other scandals.

"There's a very real prospect that on the day Don-

ald Trump leaves office, the Justice Department may indict him, that he may be the first president in quite some time to face the real prospect of jail time," said Rep. Adam Schiff, the incoming chairman of the House intelligence committee. "The bigger pardon question may come down the road as the next president has to determine whether to pardon Donald Trump."

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In this Sept. 28, 2018, file photo, House Judiciary Committee ranking member Jerry Nadler, D-N.Y., talks to media during a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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Trump picks Army chief of staff as next top military adviser

By **DEB REICHMANN**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump announced Saturday that he wants a battle-hardened commander who oversaw troops in Iraq and Afghanistan to be the nation's next top military adviser.

If confirmed by the Senate, Gen. Mark Milley, who has been chief of the Army since August 2015, would succeed Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Dunford's term doesn't end until Oct. 1. Trump said the date of transition is "to be determined."

Trump used an early morning tweet to reveal his choice. "I am thankful to both of these incredible men for their service to our Country!" he said. Later Saturday, as the president left the White House for the Army-Navy football game in Philadelphia, he called Milley "a great gentleman and a great patriot."

Dunford is a former commandant of the Marine Corps and commander of coalition troops in Afghanistan. Milley commanded troops during several tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Dunford's spokesman, Col. Patrick Ryder, said all indications are that Dunford will serve his full term. Ryder referred other questions to the White House. He said

Dunford congratulated Milley on his nomination. "He has served with Gen. Milley in peacetime and in com-

experience." Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Texas, also noted that the Joint Chiefs chairman serves Congress

was also a strong contender for the job.

Milley is known as a charismatic, outgoing leader who has not been afraid to offer candid and sometimes blunt assessments to Congress. Last year he admonished the House Armed Services Committee for its inability to approve a defense budget, slamming it as "professional malpractice." In 2016, he told lawmakers, in answer to a direct question, that women should also have to register for the draft now that they are allowed to serve in all combat jobs.

As the Army's top leader, he helped shepherd the groundbreaking move of women into front-line infantry and other combat positions, while warning that it would take time to do it right. More recently, he has worked with his senior officers to reverse a shortfall in Army recruiting when the service fell far short of its annual goal this year.

He also played a role in one of the Army's more contentious criminal cases. While serving as head of U.S. Army Forces Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Milley was assigned to review the case of former Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, who abandoned his post in Afghanistan and was held captive by the Taliban for five years.

Milley made the early decision to charge Bergdahl with desertion and misbehavior before the enemy. Bergdahl was eventually found guilty, reduced in rank to private, dishonorably discharged and fined \$10,000, but was spared any additional prison time. A native of Winchester, Massachusetts, and a fervent supporter of the Boston Red Sox and other city teams, Milley received his Army commission from Princeton University in 1980. An infantry officer by training, he also commanded Special Forces units in a career that included deployments in the invasion of Panama in 1989, the multinational mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina to implement the Dayton Peace Accords, and the Iraq war.

The Milley move starts a series of military leadership changes in coming months, including successors in 2019 for Adm. John Richardson as the chief of Naval Operations, Gen. Robert Neller as commandant of the Marine Corps, and Air Force Gen. Paul Selva as vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs. Trump also will pick a replacement for Milley as Army chief.

Goldfein began his term as Air Force chief of staff in 2016, so wouldn't be expected to step down until the summer of 2020. □



In this May 25, 2017 file photo, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley listens to a question while testifying on Capitol Hill in Washington, before a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on the Army's fiscal 2018 budget.

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bat and has the highest regard for his leadership."

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said in a statement that Milley was "a battle-tested commander and Pentagon reformer who will be a worthy successor" to Dunford. That committee would consider a Joint Chiefs nomination.

The chairman of the House Armed Services Committee praised Milley for his "direct, insightful military assessments based upon his intellect and years of

as well as the president and defense secretary.

Trump's decision, announced before leaving Washington for the annual Army-Navy football game in Philadelphia, had caught some in the Pentagon by surprise when unofficial word spread Friday after he had tweeted that a succession announcement was coming.

Normally an announcement on a new chairman wouldn't be expected until early next year. Officials had said the Air Force chief, Gen. David Goldfein,



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Impeachment

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Rep. Jerry Nadler, the incoming chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, described the details in prosecutors' filings Friday in the case of Trump's former personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, as evidence that Trump was "at the center of a massive fraud." "They would be impeachable offenses," Nadler said. In the filings, prosecutors in New York for the first time link Trump to a federal crime of illegal payments to buy the silence of two women during the 2016 campaign. Special counsel Robert Mueller's office also laid out previously undisclosed contacts between Trump associates and Russian intermediaries and suggested the Kremlin aimed early on to influence Trump and his Republican campaign by playing to both his political and personal business interests. Trump has denied wrongdoing and has compared the investigations to a "witch hunt." Nadler, D-N.Y., said it was too early to say whether Congress would pursue impeachment proceedings based on the illegal payments alone because lawmakers would need to weigh the gravity of the offense to justify "overturning" the 2016 election. Nadler and other lawmakers said Sunday they would await additional details from Mueller's investigation into Russian election interference and possible coordination with the Trump campaign to determine

the extent of Trump's misconduct.

Regarding the illegal payments, "whether they are important enough to justify an impeachment is a different question, but certainly they'd be impeachable offenses because even though they were committed before the president became president, they were committed in the service of fraudulently obtaining the office," Nadler said. Mueller has not said when he will complete a report of any findings, and it isn't clear that any such report would be made available to Congress. That would be up to the attorney general. Trump on Friday said he would nominate former Attorney General William Barr to the post to succeed Jeff Sessions.

Nadler indicated that Democrats, who will control the House in January, will step up their own investigations. He said Congress, the Justice Department and the special counsel need to dig deeper into the allegations, which include questions about whether Trump lied about his business arrangements with Russians and about possible obstruction of justice.

"The new Congress will not try to shield the president," he said. "We will try to get to the bottom of this, in order to serve the American people and to stop this massive conspiracy — this massive fraud on the American people."

Schiff, D-Calif., also stressed a need to wait "until we see the full picture." He has previously indicated his



President Donald Trump waves as he walks from Marine One to Air Force One at Andrews Air Force Base in Md., Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018.

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panel would seek to look into the Trump family's busi-

ness ties with Russia.

"I think we also need to see

this as a part of a broader pattern of potential misconduct by the president, and it's that broad pattern, I think, that will lead us to a conclusion about whether it rises to the level to warrant removal from office," Schiff said.

In the legal filings, the Justice Department stopped short of accusing Trump of directly committing a crime. But it said Trump told Cohen to make illegal payments to porn actress Stormy Daniels and former Playboy model Karen McDougal, both of whom claimed to have had affairs with Trump more than a decade ago. □



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Former Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland dies at 90

ROSEAU, Minn. (AP) — Former U.S. Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland, a farmer from northern Minnesota who was tasked with selling President Jimmy Carter's unpopular Soviet Union grain embargo to other farmers, died Sunday. He was 90.

Bergland died at a nursing home in his hometown of Roseau, near the U.S.-Canadian border, his daughter Linda Vatnsdal said.

As agriculture secretary, Bergland had the difficult job of defending to Midwest farmers Carter's unpopular 1980 decision to embargo grain sales to the Soviet Union after the invasion of Afghanistan in 1979.

Vice President Walter Mondale recalled Sunday that



In a January 23, 1977 photo, Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland, center, talks with guests at a National Press Club reception.

a USDA study on organic farming. He later served as vice president and general manager of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and as a regent at the University of Minnesota.

U.S. Rep. Collin Peterson of Minnesota said he was sorry to hear about Bergland's death and sends condolences to his family.

"Bob served the Seventh District of Minnesota exceptionally before taking his farmer's experience and work ethic to USDA to make sure that crop insurance, rural development, conservation and research programs worked better for farmers and ranchers across the country," Peterson, the top Democrat on the House Agriculture Committee, who's expected to become chairman next year, said in a statement. "I was fortunate to have visited with him back in August and am proud to continue in his footsteps in serving the residents of the 7th District."

Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party Chairman Ken Martin called Bergland "a champion of American farmers and consumers."

"Growing up poor in the farmlands of Western Minnesota, Bob understood the difficulties and obstacles that face family farmers as well as anyone," Martin said in his statement. "After losing his farm to foreclosure as a young man, Bob dedicated his life to elevating the standard of living for hard-working family farmers while at the same time safeguarding the interests of American consumers."

A funeral for Bergland is planned for Saturday in Roseau. □

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both he and Bergland did not like the grain embargo. "I don't think it was good policy," Mondale told The Associated Press on Sunday. "This is going to mean Russians are going to buy their grain somewhere else. ... I urged the president not to do it. He felt he had to do it."

Mondale said Bergland was a "nice guy, also a very confident guy."

"Carter felt very positive about him. He was very successful in that position. Farmers liked him. That's a tough job. People in agriculture respected him, and he was always doing very well there," Mondale added.

Bergland, a Democrat, was a U.S. House member from 1971 to 1977 before becoming agriculture secretary under Carter. While heading the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Bergland commissioned a major report on the structure of American agriculture, "A Time to Choose," and also

Winter storm causes icy roads across swath of South

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) —

A massive storm brought snow, sleet, and freezing rain across a wide swath of the South on Sunday — causing dangerously icy roads, immobilizing snowfalls and power losses to hundreds of thousands of people.

Accidents on snow-covered interstates caused major delays, hundreds of flights were canceled and drivers in North Carolina and Virginia got stuck in snow or lost control on icy patches. Meanwhile, kids and the young at heart took advantage of the early winter snow with snowball fights, sledding and snowmen.

Police in North Carolina and Virginia said they'd responded to hundreds of snow-related traffic accidents as of Sunday afternoon, as cars, trucks and tractor-trailers all struggled with the snow and ice.

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper strongly urged residents to stay off the roads Sunday, asking drivers not to put lives of first responders needlessly at risk. Cooper said emergency crews, including the National Guard, worked overnight to clear traffic accidents on major roadways.

Five members of a dive team searched the Neuse River in Kinston, North Carolina, for a missing truck driver Sunday after a tractor-trailer ran off a road and into the river, WRAL-TV reported. Police just outside of Charlotte said a driver died when a tree fell on a moving vehicle.

Governors and local officials in several states declared emergencies ahead of the storm crossing several Southern states, which hit portions of North Carolina and Virginia particularly hard.

Virginia State Police said Interstate 81 in far southwest Virginia was particularly dangerous, with snow coming down faster Sunday afternoon than crews could clear it. Police said several tractor-trailers slid off the highway.

Officials warned residents to prepare emergency kits and stay off roads in impacted areas. Several schools districts in North Carolina and Virginia announced they'll be closed Monday.

"Virginians should take all necessary precautions to ensure they are prepared for winter weather storm impacts," said Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam. □

Sierra snowpack well above average after California storms

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Back-to-back California storms blanket the Sierra Nevada in snow, more than twice the snowpack level compared to this time last year, with winter still nearly two weeks away.

At the same time last year, the Sierra snowpack was 47 percent of average, the San Francisco Chronicle reported Friday.

A series of systems starting around Thanksgiving dropped several feet (me-

ters) of fresh powder in some mountain areas.

In the southern Sierra, Mammoth Mountain has recorded nearly 6 feet (1.8 meters) since Oct. 1. The ski resort claims to have the deepest snowpack in the country right now.

The newspaper says mountain snowpack provides about 30 percent of the yearly fresh water supply for California, which has struggled with drought in recent years. □



Zac Evans, front, and Stephen LaFleur go airborne sledding off a ramp while Deac, the dog, follows them down the hill at Ardmore Park Soccer Field on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018, in Winston-Salem, N.C.

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U.S. states to meet at deadline on Colorado River drought plan

By **KEN RITTER**
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — With drought entering a second decade and reservoirs continuing to shrink, seven Southwestern U.S. states that depend on the over-taxed Colorado River for crop irrigation and drinking water had been expected to ink a crucial share-the-pain contingency plan by the end of 2018.

They're not going to make it — at least not in time for upcoming meetings in Las Vegas involving representatives from Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming and the U.S. government, officials say.

Arizona has been the hold-out, with farmers, cities, Indian tribes and lawmakers in the state set to be first to feel the pinch still negotiating how to deal with water cutbacks when a shortage is declared, probably in 2020.

"There will be cuts. We all know the clock is ticking. That's what a lot of the difficult negotiations have been around," said Kim Mitchell, Western Resource Advocates water policy adviser and a delegate to ongoing meetings involving the Arizona Department of Water Resources, Central Arizona Project, agricultural, industrial and business interests, the governor, state lawmakers and cities including Tucson and Phoenix.

In Arizona, unlike other states, a final drought contingency plan must pass the state Legislature when

it convenes in January. Federal water managers wanted a deal to sign at the annual Colorado

a statement on Friday, "because finding a consensus deal recognizing the risks of continuing drought and

ter Users Association meetings in December 2007 to sign a 20-year "guidelines" plan to share the burden of

electric turbines humming at Glen Canyon Dam.

The Lower Basin states of California, Arizona and Nevada aim to keep Lake Mead above a shortage declaration trigger point by using less water than they're legally entitled to.

If Lake Mead falls below that level, Arizona will face a 9 percent reduction in water supply, Nevada a 3 percent cut and California up to 8 percent. Mexico's share of river water would also be reduced.

Water officials in most states — from the Southern Nevada Water Authority in Las Vegas to the Colorado River Water Conservation District in Glenwood Springs, Colorado — have signed off on plans in recent weeks.

In Arizona, the board governing the Central Arizona Project irrigation system approved the Lower Basin plan on Thursday.

In California, the sprawling Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, which serves some 19 million people, is set to approve it Tuesday.

Board members there were reminded the agreements are only a short-term fix.

According to a board briefing, the Bureau of Reclamation, seven basin states and water contractors will begin negotiating again beginning no later than 2020.

"That process is expected to result in new rules for management and operation of the Colorado River after 2026," the board briefing said. □



In this July 28, 2014, file photo, lightning strikes over Lake Mead near Hoover Dam that impounds Colorado River water at the Lake Mead National Recreation Area in Arizona.

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River Water Users Association conference beginning Wednesday in Las Vegas, and threatened earlier this year to impose unspecified measures from Washington if a voluntary drought contingency plan wasn't reached.

However, Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Brenda Burman is signaling that the agency that controls the levers on the river is willing to wait.

She is scheduled to talk to the conference on Thursday. "Reclamation remains cautiously optimistic that the parties will find a path forward," the bureau said in

the benefits of a drought contingency plan is in each state's best interest."

Colorado River water supports about 40 million people and millions of acres of farmland in the U.S. and Mexico.

After 19 years of drought and increasing demand, federal water managers project a 52 percent chance that the river's biggest reservoir, Lake Mead behind Hoover Dam, will fall low enough to trigger cutbacks under agreements governing the system.

The seven states saw this coming years ago, and used Colorado River Wa-

a shortage. Contingency agreements would update that pact, running through 2026. They call for voluntarily using less to keep more water in the system's two main reservoirs, lakes Powell and Mead.

Lake Powell upstream from of the Grand Canyon is currently at 43 percent capacity; Lake Mead, downstream, is at 38 percent.

Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming, the river's Upper Basin states, aim to keep the surface of Lake Powell above a target level to continue water deliveries to irrigation districts and cities and also keep hydro-

Elder Bushes are gone but family Maine retreat to stay alive

By DAVID SHARP

Associated Press

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine

(AP) — “Poppy” and “Bar” are gone, but the passing of George H. W. and Barbara Bush won’t mean an end to children’s laughter, splashing in the pool, barking dogs or clinking horse-shoes at the family’s property on the Maine coast. The former first couple’s children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will continue to enjoy stunning views, fishing, golfing and swimming each summer at their oceanfront home, just as previous generations have.

“It will always stay in the family,” said Evelyn Paine, a longtime family friend who has been a guest at the nearly 9-acre (3.5-hectare) oceanfront property. “They want everyone in the family to enjoy it as much as they have.”

The Walker’s Point property became known as the “Summer White House” when Bush was president, elevating the sleepy coastal community’s status and making it a household name thanks to high-profile visits by world leaders, political protests and swarming journalists.

The three-story, stone-and-



The American flag flies at half-mast at Walker’s Point, the summer home of former President George H. W. Bush, Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018, in Kennebunkport, Maine.

shingle residence overlooking the Atlantic Ocean frequently served as a backdrop for reports on the nightly news.

In addition to that main house, there are eight other buildings, including homes for all five of Bush’s children: former President George W. Bush, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, Dorothy “Doro” Bush Koch, Neil Bush, and Marvin Bush. There’s also a swimming pool, a tennis court and an art studio for George W. Bush. And, of course,

there’s a horseshoe pit for George H.W. Bush.

The nation’s 41st president died last month at 94 in Houston and was laid to rest Thursday in College Station, Texas. His wife died about eight months ago at 92.

Bush spent part of every summer at Walker’s Point since childhood with the exception of during World

War II when he was a naval aviator. His wish was for the family’s future generations to enjoy the property the same way he did, said Freddy Ford, chief of staff to his son, former President George W. Bush.

“Forty-one’s wishes were for the family to enjoy his beloved Walker’s Point for generations, and that’s just what they’ll do,” Ford said

in a statement.

Ken Raynor, another longtime family friend who golfed with the president and his kids, said there will be a void at Walker’s Point. But he said Bush taught his family to continue to “live life to the fullest.”

“It will be very active, and very alive, as 41 would like it,” he said.

Paine, whose husband gave painting lessons to George W. Bush, said there was no telling who you’d encounter when paying a visit to the home.

There might be local residents, a celebrity or a world leader hanging out. And there was always family around. She recalled visiting when the Bush granddaughters, Jenna and Barbara, were scooting around on tricycles.

“There’s no way that the family members are going to let it go,” she said.

Walker’s Point is made up of three different properties, all of them owned by the same limited family partnership. The assessed value is \$13.5 million, town officials say. □

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Teachers union: Tentative deal to end charter schools strike

CHICAGO (AP) — The nation’s first teachers’ strike against a charter school operator will end after their union and management struck a tentative deal Sunday that includes protections for students and immigrant families living in the country illegally.

The Chicago Teachers Union said more than 500 teachers will return to classes Monday at Acero’s 15 schools with 7,500 predominantly Latino students. Teachers went on strike Tuesday and classes were canceled.

Robert Bloch, general counsel for the union, said that since the schools’ enrollment is “overwhelmingly low-income Latino,” the union felt it was necessary

to have provisions to protect students, their families and teachers who may be living in the country illegally. The agreements prohibits Acero from collecting and distributing information about the immigration status of students, teachers and families and restricts access by Immigration and Customs Enforcement to schools except by court order, he said.

Acero said in a news release the two sides agreed to raises for teachers and staff annually over the four-year term of the contract and the charter operator agreed to the union’s request to shorten the school year to more closely align with the Chicago Public Schools. □

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Police attempt to keep rival Brexit protest groups from clashing in central London, Sunday Dec. 9, 2018.

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By SYLVIA HUI
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — With a crucial parliamentary vote on Brexit looming, British Prime Minister Theresa May warned lawmakers Sunday that they could take Britain into “uncharted waters” and trigger a general election if they reject the divorce deal she struck with

UK leader warns of ‘uncharted waters’ if Brexit deal nixed

the European Union. May is fighting to save her unpopular Brexit plan and her job ahead of a show-down in Parliament on Tuesday, when lawmakers are widely expected to vote down the deal she negotiated with Brussels. Her Downing Street office insisted that the vote will go ahead despite speculation that the government may be forced to delay it. A defeat in the vote could see Britain crashing out of the EU on March 29, the date for Britain's exit, with no deal in place — an outcome that could spell economic chaos.

In an interview with the Mail on Sunday, May said nixing her deal would “mean grave uncertainty for the nation with a very real risk of no Brexit or leaving the European Union with no deal.”

“When I say if this deal does not pass we would truly be in uncharted waters, I hope people understand this is what I genuinely believe and fear could happen,”

she said.

May's government does not have a majority in the House of Commons, and opposition parties — as well as many of May's own Conservatives — have already said they will not back the divorce deal that May and EU leaders agreed on last month.

Pro-Brexit lawmakers say the deal keeps Britain bound too closely to the EU, while pro-EU politicians say it erects barriers between the U.K. and its biggest trading partner and leaves many details of the future relationship undecided.

The main sticking point is a “backstop” provision in the Brexit agreement that aims to guarantee an open border between EU member Ireland and the U.K.'s Northern Ireland post-Brexit. The temporary measure would keep Britain under EU customs rules, and is supposed to last until superseded by permanent new trade arrangements. But critics say it could leave

Britain tied to the EU indefinitely, unable to strike new trade deals around the world.

Boris Johnson, May's former foreign secretary and leading Brexiteer, said the backstop puts Britain in a “diabolical negotiating position,” and insisted Sunday that it must be taken out of the divorce deal. He urged May to renegotiate with the EU, and postpone the Irish border issue so it forms part of the talks on a future trade deal.

“We have to change it,” Johnson told the BBC. “We can have a withdrawal agreement that does not contain the backstop. We can do much, much better than this.”

It's unclear what would happen next if lawmakers vote down the deal.

May could return to Brussels seeking changes to the Brexit deal and bring it back to Parliament for another vote. But EU leaders have insisted the divorce agreement is final and not renegotiable. □

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LONDON (AP) — A British man who was exposed to the deadly nerve agent Novichok said he is struggling with his eyesight and mobility, and fears the poison will kill him within a decade.

Charlie Rowley, 45, fell ill in June near Salisbury, England, after coming into contact with the Soviet-

developed nerve agent that was used months earlier to attack former Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter.

Rowley told the Sunday Mirror newspaper that he was back in the hospital being treated for meningitis. He said he was going blind and unable to use one arm, and said he was

“terrified about the future” and what long-term effects the military grade poison would have on him.

“I'm still worried the Novichok could kill me if I get any sort of virus again — it's on my mind all the time. I'm dreading getting a cold,” he said. “I don't think I'll be alive in 10 years. It's been horrendous.” □



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Paris cleans up after latest riot; pressure builds on Macron

By ANGELA CHARLTON
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Paris tourist sites reopened, workers cleaned up broken glass and shop owners tried to put the city on its feet again Sunday, a day after running battles between “yellow vest” protesters and police that left at least 71 injured in the French capital and caused widespread damage in cities around France.

The man at the focus of protesters’ anger, President Emmanuel Macron, broke his silence to tweet his appreciation for the police overnight. However, pressure mounted on him to propose new solutions to calm the anger dividing France.

Macron will address the nation “at the very beginning of the week,” government spokesman Benjamin Griveaux said Sunday, without specifying a day.

The economy minister lamented the damage to the economy.

“This is a catastrophe for commerce, it’s a catastrophe for our economy,” Bruno Le Maire said Sunday while visiting merchants around the Saint Lazare train station, among areas hit by vandalism as the pre-Christmas shopping season got underway.

After the fourth Saturday of nationwide protests by a grassroots movement with broadening demands officials said they understood the depth of the crisis. Le Maire said it was a social and democratic crisis as well as a “crisis of



A man walks his dog past a tag reading : Happy Christmas Manu, referring to French President Emmanuel Macron, in Paris, Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018.

the nation” with “territorial fractures.” Griveaux, the government spokesman, speaking on LCI TV station, said he was “sure (Macron) will know how to find the path to the hearts of the French, speak to their hearts.”

The president must also speak to their pocketbooks. Among myriad demands voiced by protesters, measures to increase buying power were a bottom line. The number of injured in Paris and nationwide was down Saturday from protest riots a week ago, and most of the capital remained untouched. Still, TV footage broadcast around the world of the violence in Paris neighborhoods popular with tourists has tarnished the country’s image.

A number of tourists at the Eiffel Tower, which reopened Sunday after closing Saturday, said they were avoiding the Champs-Élysées, Paris’ main avenue that is lined with shops and cafes and normally a magnet for foreign visitors.

“Yes, we’re very concerned with security ... but we couldn’t cancel the trip,” Portuguese tourist Elizabeth Monteiro said. But, she added, “We don’t go to dangerous zones like the Champs-Élysées.”

France deployed some 89,000 police but still failed to deter the determined protesters. Some 125,000 yellow vests took to the streets Saturday around France with a bevy of demands related to high living costs and a sense that Macron favors the elite and

is trying to modernize the French economy too fast. Some 1,220 people were taken into custody around France, the Interior Ministry said Sunday — a round-up the scale of which the country hasn’t seen in years. French police frisked protesters at train stations around the country, confiscating everything from heavy metal petanque balls to tennis rackets — anything that could be used as a weapon.

Most of the yellow vest demonstrators in Paris appeared to be working class men from elsewhere in France, angry at economic inequalities and stagnation.

Thierry Paul Valette, who helps coordinate yellow vest protesters who come to Paris, said the president

must announce concrete measures to quell the fury. It won’t be enough to announce negotiations, he said in an interview with The Associated Press. People want change and “concrete, immediate, right now” measures.

Even if Macron withdraws his signature slashing of the wealth tax, “half of the yellow vests will go home, the other half will want him to resign and will stay in the streets,” Valette predicted. “Because the movement isn’t controllable.”

Wind and rain pummeled Paris overnight, complicating efforts to clean up debris left by protesters, who threw anything they could at police and set whatever they could on fire. Protesters ripped off the plywood protecting Parisian store windows and threw flares and other projectiles. French riot police repeatedly repelled them with tear gas and water cannon.

“What happened yesterday and the Saturday before, it was unforgettable,” said Jean-Pierre Duclos. “It happened in a country like France that supposed to be sophisticated, it’s unbearable and it cannot be forgiven.”

Police and protesters also clashed in other French cities, notably Marseille, Toulouse and Bordeaux, and in neighboring Belgium. Some protesters took aim Saturday at the French border with Italy, creating huge traffic jams. Some 135 people were injured nationwide, including the 71 in Paris. □

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China summons U.S. envoy to protest detention of Huawei exec

By **CHRISTOPHER BODEEN**
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — China summoned the U.S. ambassador to Beijing on Sunday to protest the detention of an executive of Chinese electronics giant Huawei in Canada at Washington's behest and demanded Washington cancel an order for her arrest.

The official Xinhua News Agency said Vice Foreign Minister Le Yucheng "lodged solemn representations and strong protests" with Ambassador Terry Branstad against the detention of Huawei's chief financial officer, Meng Wanzhou. Meng, who is reportedly suspected of trying to evade U.S. trade curbs on Iran, was detained on Dec. 1 while changing planes in Vancouver, Canada.

The Xinhua report quoted Le as calling Meng's detention "extremely egregious" and demanded the U.S. vacate an order for her arrest. It quoted Le as calling for the U.S. to "immediately correct its wrong actions" and said it would take further steps based on Washington's response.

The move followed the summoning of Canadian Ambassador John McCallum on Saturday over Meng's detention and a similar protest warning of "grave consequences" if she is not released.

The Canadian province of British Columbia said in a

statement Sunday it cancelled a trade mission to China because of Meng's detention. The announcement came amid fears Chi-

the Nation," downplayed the impact of the arrest on trade talks between the two countries aimed at defusing the tensions.



In this undated photo released by Huawei, Huawei's chief financial officer Meng Wanzhou is seen in a portrait photo.

Associated Press

na could detail Canadians in retaliation.

Huawei is the biggest global supplier of network gear for phone and internet companies and has been the target of deepening U.S. security concerns over its ties to the Chinese government. The U.S. has pressured European countries and other allies to limit use of its technology, warning they could be opening themselves up to surveillance and theft of information.

Meng's arrest has threatened to increase U.S.-China trade tensions and shook stock markets globally last week. But U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, speaking on CBS' "Face

"It's my view that it shouldn't really have much of an impact," he said.

Roland Paris, a former foreign policy adviser to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, said that Chinese pressure on Canada's government won't work.

"Perhaps because the Chinese state controls its judicial system, Beijing sometimes has difficulty understanding or believing that courts can be independent in a rule-of-law country. There's no point in pressuring the Canadian government. Judges will decide," Paris tweeted in response to the comments from Beijing.

A Canadian prosecutor urged a Vancouver court to

deny bail to Meng, whose case is shaking up U.S.-China relations and spooking global financial markets. Meng, also the daughter of Huawei's founder, was detained at the request of the U.S. during a layover at the Vancouver airport on the same day that President Donald Trump and his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, agreed over dinner to a 90-day cease-fire in a trade dispute that threatens to disrupt global commerce.

The U.S. alleges that Huawei used a Hong Kong shell company to sell equipment in Iran in violation of U.S. sanctions. It also says that Meng and Huawei misled American banks about its business dealings in Iran.

The surprise arrest raises doubts about whether the trade truce will hold and whether the world's two biggest economies can resolve the complicated issues that divide them.

Canadian prosecutor John Gibb-Carsley said in a court hearing Friday that a warrant had been issued for Meng's arrest in New York on Aug. 22. He said Meng, arrested en route to Mexico from Hong Kong, was aware of the investigation and had been avoiding the United States for months, even though her teenage son goes to school in Boston.

Gibb-Carsley alleged that Huawei had done business in Iran through a Hong Kong company called Skycom. Meng, he said, had misled U.S. banks into thinking that Huawei and Skycom were separate when, in fact, "Skycom was Huawei." Meng has contended that Huawei sold Skycom in 2009. In urging the court to reject Meng's bail request, Gibb-Carsley said the Hua-

wei executive had vast resources and a strong incentive to bolt: She's facing fraud charges in the United States that could put her in prison for 30 years.

The hearing will resume Monday.

Huawei, in a brief statement emailed to The Associated Press, said that "we have every confidence that the Canadian and U.S. legal systems will reach the right conclusion."

Canadian officials have declined to comment on Chinese threats of retaliation over the case, instead emphasizing the independence of Canada's judiciary along with the importance of Ottawa's relationship with Beijing.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Chrystia Freeland said Canada "has assured China that due process is absolutely being followed in Canada, that consular access for China to Ms. Meng will absolutely be provided." "We are a rule-of-law country and we will be following our laws as we have thus far in this matter and as we will continue to do," Freeland said Friday.

While protesting what it calls Canada's violation of Meng's human rights, China's ruling Communist Party stands accused of mass incarcerations of its Muslim minority without due process, locking up those exercising their right to free speech and refusing to allow foreign citizens to leave the country in order to bring pressure on their relatives accused of financial crimes. The party also takes the lead in prosecutions of those accused of corruption or other crimes in a highly opaque process, without supervision from the court system or independent bodies. □





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Nobel peace winners demand action against sex abuse

By DAVID KEYTON
Associated Press

OSLO, Norway (AP) — One of the winners of this year's Nobel Peace Prize says the attention the prize has drawn to sexual violence against women in war zones must be followed by action against the abuses. Dr. Denis Mukwege spoke Sunday at a news conference with Nadia Murad of Iraq, with whom he shared the 9-million Swedish kronor (\$1 million) prize. Mukwege was honored for his work helping sexually abused women at the hospital he founded in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Murad, a Yazidi, won for her advocacy for sex abuse victims after being kidnapped by Islamic State militants.

"What we see during armed conflicts is that women's bodies become battlefields and this cannot be acceptable during our time," Mukwege said, speaking through a translator. "We cannot only denounce it, we now need to act." Murad, 25, was one of an estimated 3,000 girls and women from Iraq's



Nobel peace price laureates Nadia Murad, left, and Dr. Denis Mukwege look on during the press conference at the Nobelintituttet in Oslo, Sunday Dec. 9, 2018.

Associated Press

Yazidi minority group who were kidnapped in 2014 by IS militants and sold into sexual slavery. She was raped, beaten and tortured before managing to escape three months later. After getting treatment in Germany, she chose to speak to the world about the horrors faced by Yazidi

women, despite regardless of the heavy stigma in her culture surrounding rape. She said Sunday it was difficult "for a girl, a woman, to rise up to say that these atrocities have happened." Mukwege, a 63-year-old surgeon, founded a hospital in the city of Bukavu and over the past 20 years has

treated countless women who were raped amid fighting between armed groups seeking to control of some the central African nation's vast mineral wealth. He expressed concern Sunday that new violence could be coming as Congo holds a general election this month. □

U.S. airstrike outside Somalia's capital kills 4 al-Shabab

JOHANNESBURG (AP)

— The U.S. military says it has killed four members of the al-Shabab extremist group with a "self-defense airstrike" outside Somalia's capital after partner forces were attacked.

The U.S. Africa Command statement says the airstrike occurred on Saturday near Basra, a community outside the capital, Mogadishu. The U.S. military has carried out 39 airstrikes this year against the al-Qaida-linked al-Shabab, Africa's most active Islamic extremist group, which controls parts of rural southern and central Somalia and continues to stage deadly attacks in Mogadishu and other cities. The U.S. airstrikes have picked up dramatically since President Donald Trump took office and approved expanded military operations in the Horn of Africa nation. □



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Peruvians vote in referendum on fighting corruption



A voter signs her name after having voted in a referendum aimed at curbing corruption in Lima, Peru, Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018.

By **FRANKLIN BRICENO**

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Peruvians vote Sunday in a referendum aimed at curbing corruption as the South American nation tries to put an end to a scourge that has landed lawmakers, judges and even former presidents behind bars.

The four questions on the ballot include measures that would prohibit legislators from immediate reelection, create stricter campaign finance rules and reform a scandal-tainted council charged with selecting judges.

All but one of the proposed measures is expected to pass in a nation where trust in elected officials is abysmally low. Yet analysts caution that the referendum isn't an end-all fix to reverse decades of deeply en-

trenched political misconduct.

"What this referendum is potentially giving the government and maybe even the political system is a little breathing room," said Steve Levitsky, a Harvard University political scientist. "A little burst of confidence and public trust that it can potentially use to get up and running."

In recent years Peru has been jolted by the Odebrecht corruption scandal toppling the careers of some of Latin America's highest-ranking politicians. The Brazilian construction company has admitted to paying \$800 million to officials throughout the region in exchange for lucrative public works contracts.

In Peru, the scandal has tainted the careers of near-

ly every former living president, with four ex-heads of state under probe for ties to Odebrecht.

President Pedro Pablo Kuczynski resigned in March after opposition lawmakers revealed previously undisclosed ties between Odebrecht and his private consulting firm. Prosecutors are also investigating former leader Alan Garcia after revelations that bribes were made during the construction of Lima's metro under his tenure. Ollanta Humala, who was briefly jailed, and Alejandro Toledo are also being probed for allegedly receiving illegal payments. Meanwhile former first daughter Keiko Fujimori, the nation's top opposition leader and a two-time presidential candidate, is behind bars as she is inves-

tigated for allegedly laundering Odebrecht money for her 2011 campaign. Those probes along with a series of leaked wiretaps showing judges and lawyers making backroom deals on matters as grave as the sentence for a man accused of raping a young girl have unleashed the fury of a Peruvian public fed up with corruption.

A recent survey by Latino-barometro, a respected regional polling firm, found that just 8 percent of Peruvian's trust the legislature, the lowest in the region. "The entire system is rotten," said Gerardo Polo, 40, who works at an import company and was eager to cast his ballot on Sunday. While he conceded that the measures won't guarantee future abuses he said, "It is a scream of rage."

President Martin Vizcarra has succeeded in channeling public outrage since taking on the nation's most powerful job after Kuczynski's resignation and the referendum is considered a critical step in his bid to consolidate power. He is pushing the vote as an essential decree to "end the plague of corruption."

Three of the four measures are expected to pass resoundingly, with only one, which Vizcarra himself is no longer backing, unlikely to succeed. The first question would allow the public to choose members of a judicial council charged with selecting judges, a measure some believe could improve accountability. □

Bolivian police search for ex-drug lord who fled clinic

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) —

Jorge Roca Suarez, one of South America's leading drug traffickers in the 1980s who served 28 years in prison in the United States before returning to Bolivia earlier this year, has fled a medical clinic where he was receiving treatment, authorities said Saturday.

Police said an operation was underway to find Roca Suarez, who had been arrested when he returned to Bolivia in April. A judge had given a 10-day pass to the 67-year-old to seek treatment at the clinic and he fled the facility Thursday night.

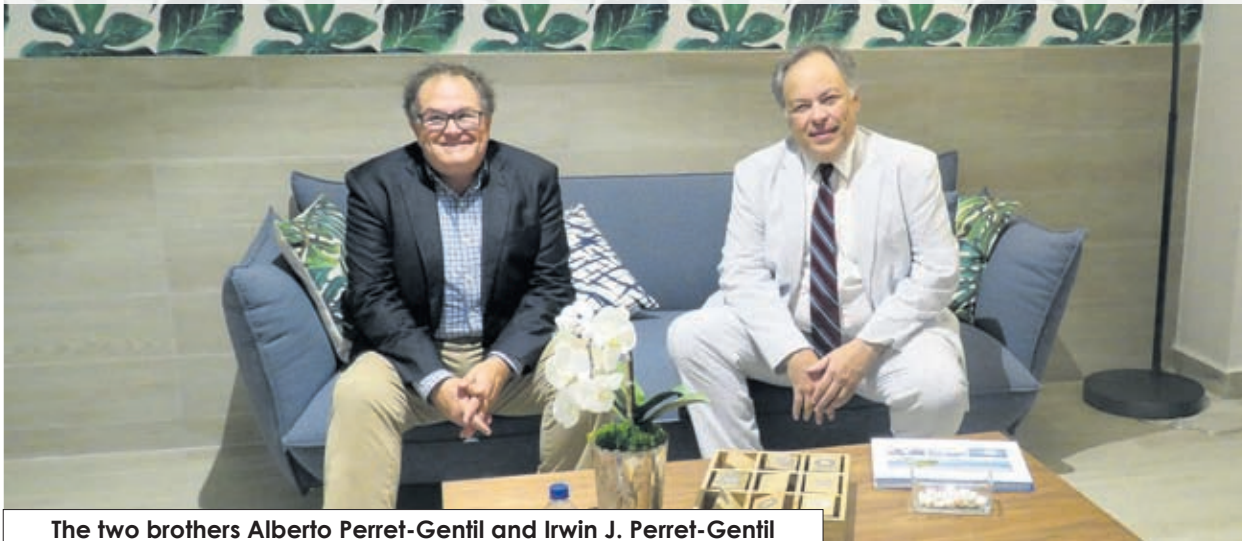
"We have to confirm the escape of this person who was serving a detention ordered by a court," Fernando Rojas, deputy director of the Special Force to Fight Crime, told state news agency ABL.

Roca Suarez became a top drug lord after taking over from his uncle Roberto Suarez, who was known as the "Cocaine King." Both men were suppliers to the Medellin Cartel then led by Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar. A video posted by the Santa Cruz newspaper El Deber purportedly showed Roca Suarez eating in a market in the town of San Ana de Yacuma, about 690 kilometers (430 miles) north of La Paz. Authorities have yet to comment on the video. □

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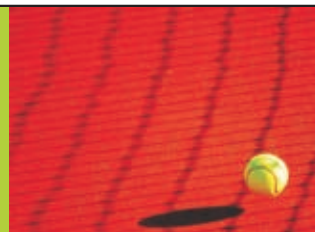
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Atlanta United owner Arthur Blank holds up the trophy during the presentation after the MLS Cup championship soccer game against the Portland Timbers, Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018, in Atlanta. Atlanta United won 2-0.

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ATL United captures MLS Cup for Atlanta's 1st title since '95

By **PAUL NEWBERRY**
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — The players bounced up and down on a hastily erected stage in the middle of the field, confetti falling all around as they hoisted the championship trophy.

It's a familiar scene at the end of any season.

Only this time, a team from Atlanta was doing the honors.

The title drought in over in the A-T-L.

Josef Martinez and Franco Escobar scored goals, Brad Guzan came up with a couple of clutch saves and Atlanta United gave the city its first championship since 1995 with a 2-0 victory over the Portland Timbers in the MLS Cup final Saturday night.

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FISH FRY



Dolphins stun Patriots on last-second, 69-yard TD

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12), center, looks down while on the sidelines, during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018, in Miami Gardens, Fla. The Dolphins defeated the Patriots 34-33.

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Holiday scores 37 points, Pelicans beat slumping Pistons

By DAVE HOGG

Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Alvin Gentry knew he needed Anthony Davis.

The New Orleans Pelicans coach didn't get his star at 100 percent. It was still enough.

Davis left with a right hip injury after a first-quarter collision with Detroit Pistons star Blake Griffin and missed the rest of the first half.

When he came back early in the third quarter, he was moving slowly and only scored three points, matching the three he had before the injury. However, he also had five blocks and nine rebounds against Griffin and Andre Drummond to help the Pelicans win 116-108.

"Just having Anthony on the floor means everything," Gentry said. "He might have been closer to 50 percent than 100 percent, but he was still giving us great defense and grabbing big rebounds."

With Davis missing or ineffective on the offensive end, Jrue Holiday and Julius Randle took over. Holiday scored 37 points on 14-of-22 shooting and Randle added 28 points, six rebounds and five assists.

"We just executed our game plan," Randle said. "Everything was coming extremely easily for Jrue and when he gets rolling, he doesn't miss."

Griffin scored 35 points for Detroit, Andre Drummond had 23 points and 19 rebounds, and Langston Galloway added a season-best 24.

"Even when Anthony is out, that's a very solid team with a lot of weapons," Griffin said. "We knew how we wanted to handle Jrue, but we didn't execute."

The Pistons have lost four straight.

"Jrue Holiday was a really tough challenge for Bruce

(Brown) to handle by himself, and even when we sent Reggie (Jackson) over to help, he still had his way with us," Pistons coach Dwane Casey said. "We are getting great looks on the other end, but we've got to knock them down." Drummond had 10 offensive rebounds for the 22nd time in his career — Tyson Chandler is second among active players with 15 — but Gentry thought his defense did just enough against Detroit's center.

"You can block him out on every shot, and he's just going to go over you and get rebounds," Gentry said. "I thought we got the big rebounds we needed down the stretch."

Holiday had 18 points in the first half, and New Orleans led by 11 before the Pistons cut it to 56-50.

Davis returned at the first stoppage in the third quarter and helped the Pelicans take a 78-62 lead midway through the period. He was clearly limited on the offensive end but was able to get stops on defense.

Griffin and Galloway combined for 26 points in the period and had the Pistons within four points until Tim Frazier's buzzer-beating 3-pointer made it 91-84 going to the fourth.

"We were getting a lot of stops late in the quarter, and that lets me get into transition and get my shots," Galloway said. "We just needed to keep that going."

Detroit quickly narrowed the gap to 93-91, but the Pelicans responded with a 7-1 run to take an eight-point lead.

"I think we lead the NBA in wide-open shots, but we have to start knocking them down," Griffin said.

Drummond missed two free throws with 4:03 left, then fouled Randle at the other end.



New Orleans Pelicans guard Jrue Holiday (11) drives against Detroit Pistons guard Luke Kennard (5) in the second half of an NBA basketball game in Detroit, Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018.

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He hit both shots to make it 107-98, and the Pelicans held on to win.

TIP INS

Pelicans: New Orleans has won 16 of its last 20 against Detroit, including 12 of the last 13. ... Gentry, who coached the Pistons from 1997-2000, is 16-5 against them as a head coach.

Pistons: Galloway has hit at least four 3-pointers six times in the last 15 games. ... Reggie Jackson missed his first five shots and didn't score until 4:26 remained in the game.

DAVIS IN BOSTON?

Davis went for more medical tests after the game, and Gentry wasn't sure if he would play Monday in Boston.

"A lot of times, it is the next day that these really hurt," he said. "We're not even 30 games into the season, and we're going to be very cautious with this. If he's ready, he'll play, but only if he's ready."

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Pelicans: At Boston on Monday night.

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Drake Escape: Miami's score on final play beats Pats 34-33

By **STEVEN WINE**

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP)

— The celebratory mob scene in the corner of the end zone broke out far from Ryan Tannehill, leaving him in the open field, running and screaming as he waved his arms. Since he couldn't find anyone to hug, he flopped to the grass on his back, the job done and the game won. "I collapsed — just the emotion of the whole thing," Tannehill said.

Sixteen seconds from defeat, Tannehill threw a short pass and then watched his teammates save the season with the "Drake Escape."

Kenyan Drake ran the last 52 yards as the Dolphins

scored on a pass and double lateral on the final play Sunday to beat the New England Patriots 34-33. With that, Miami lived up to its nickname — the Magic City.

"They just made one more play than we did," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said.

And what a play. The Patriots were on the verge of clinching their 10th consecutive AFC East title when the Dolphins lined up at their 31 after a kickoff return trailing 33-28.

"We had them right where we wanted," Tannehill said dryly. "Not really surprised with how things turned out."

He threw a 14-yard pass to Kenny Stills, who lateraled to DeVante Parker, who



Miami Dolphins running back Kenyan Drake (32) runs for a touchdown during the second half of an NFL football game against the New England Patriots, Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018, in Miami Gardens, Fla. The Dolphins defeated the Patriots 34-33.

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quickly lateraled to Drake along the sideline. He cut toward the middle and

found a seam, helped by a block from guard Ted Larsen at the 30.

Drake beat two Patriots to the corner of the end zone — defensive back J.C. Jackson and tight end Rob Gronkowski, who was on the field as part of New England's prevent defense. "Drake runs a 4.3, and Gronk probably runs a 4.6 or 4.7, so you feel good about that matchup," Tannehill said. Then came one last pass to punctuate the play — Drake reared back for a celebratory heave into the stands as the Dolphins' bench emptied and teammates swarmed him. "Football," said Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, "is a crazy game."

The Dolphins call the play "Boise" because it was borrowed from the Boise State playbook, and they had been working on it all year. "You rep it in practice over and over," receiver Kenny Stills said. "Sometimes it's like, 'Why are we doing this?' And now we know why."

It brought to mind other NFL last-second stunners, including Roger Staubach's "Hail Mary", the "Miracle in the Meadowlands" and the "Immaculate Reception". The play was the longest from scrimmage to win a game with no time remaining in the fourth quarter since the 1970 merger. Brady threw for 358 yards and three scores, but the stunned Patriots (9-4) lost

in Miami for the fifth time in their past six visits. The Dolphins (7-6) came from behind five times to help their slim wild-card chances.

The Patriots' Stephen Gostkowski missed an extra point for the first time in 38 tries this season early in the game, and also missed a 42-yard field goal try. But his 32-yarder to cap a 55-yard drive put the Patriots ahead 30-28 with 6:45 left. Belichick opted to have Gostkowski kick a 22-yarder in the closing seconds rather than pin the Dolphins near their goal line. Instead, Miami returned the ensuing kickoff to the 31 — and on the next play pulled off a miracle.

Brady broke the NFL record for career touchdown passes including postseason and now has 582, three more than Peyton Manning. His scores covered 2 yards to Julian Edelman, 37 to Cordarrelle Patterson and 16 to Gronkowski. Tannehill missed two plays at the end of the first half after a teammate stepped on his right foot. He returned to start the second half, and his 23-yard touchdown pass to Brice Butler put the Dolphins ahead 28-27 late in the third quarter. But they managed only three first downs and no points thereafter — until the final play.

FRANTIC SEQUENCE

The teams swapped touchdowns and the lead for five consecutive possessions in the second quarter over an entertaining span covering less than 11 minutes.

Miami's fourth-string running back Brandon Bolden, who spent six years with the Patriots, scored untouched on a career-long 54-yard run up the middle, and added a 6-yard scoring run.

MISSED OPPORTUNITY

The Patriots squandered a scoring chance at the end of the first half. With 14 seconds left and no timeouts, Brady took the snap at the Miami 2, and when he was sacked by Robert Quinn the clock ran out, leaving the Patriots with a 27-21 lead. □

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Boeser's hat trick leads Canucks over Blues 6-1

By DAVID SOLOMON
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Brock Boeser didn't need much help during a breakout 2017-18 season. Now he's getting plenty from another star rookie in Elias Pettersson. Boeser scored his second career hat trick, Pettersson had a goal and four assists and the Vancouver Canucks beat the St. Louis Blues 6-1 on Sunday. Pettersson became the second rookie to have two five-point games before the end of December. He assisted on all three of Boeser's goals to become the second Canucks rookie to have multiple four-point games after Boeser achieved the feat last season.

"He can make passes that most guys can't," Boeser said. "You've always got to be ready."

Bo Horvat and Nikolay Goldobin also scored for the Canucks, who won consecutive games for the first time since winning three straight from Oct. 29 through Nov. 2. Vancouver was 2-10-2 in its previous 14



Vancouver Canucks' Brock Boeser, right, shoots to score as St. Louis Blues' Joel Edmundson defends during the first period of an NHL hockey game Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018, in St. Louis.

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games.

Jacob Markstrom made 22 saves to improve to 10-9-3 on the season and 2-4-0 lifetime against St. Louis.

Jake Allen stopped three of six shots in 14:06 before being pulled in favor of Chad Johnson, who made 12 saves. Allen recorded his first shutout of the season Friday at Winnipeg.

Boeser fired a shot from just

inside the blue line that appeared to deflect off Blues defenseman Joel Edmundson 8:45 into the third period to match his career high of three goals. His previous hat trick was Nov. 4, 2017 against Pittsburgh.

"It was nice," Boeser said. "I've been battling and a battle through some injury. I feel like I've been getting chances lately and our

line has been playing solid hockey. It's nice to get a few lucky bounces and get the hat trick."

Boeser scored his first goal on a shot that deflected off the end boards and hit the back of Allen's leg pads before trickling into the net. "Whenever a goal scorer gets a lucky-bounce goal, you're hoping it's the start of something good," Ca-

nucks coach Travis Green said. "Our two young guys, they were great tonight. It's great to see."

St. Louis had won five consecutive games against Vancouver and had recorded a point in their nine previous games. The Blues are 2-11-1 when surrendering the first goal.

Pettersson expanded the lead to 2-0 when he buried a feed from Troy Stecher 31 seconds after Vancouver killed off a four-minute power play. Pettersson previously had five points Nov. 2 versus Colorado.

"I don't really know what to answer," Pettersson said when asked about his offensive output. "I'm just trying to create chances and points will come when you play good. That's all I'm thinking of."

Boeser netted his second of the game when he pushed a feed from Pettersson past Allen to end his night.

Horvat and Goldobin scored 1:55 apart in the second period as they each were able to capitalize on rebounds off Johnson. □

Jets get 3 on power play, rout Flyers 7-1

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP)

— Josh Morrissey scored one of Winnipeg's three power-play goals and the Jets got goals from seven players while routing the Philadelphia Flyers 7-1 on Sunday. Kyle Connor, Brandon Tanev, Dustin Byfuglien, Blake Wheeler, Bryan Little and Tyler Myers also scored for Winnipeg (18-9-2). Mark Scheifele assisted on all three of Winnipeg's second-period goals, and Nikolaj Ehlers and Patrik

Laine each had two assists. Jakub Voracek scored his eighth goal for the Flyers (12-13-3).

Connor Hellebuyck made 36 saves for Winnipeg. Philadelphia's Michal Neuvirth, in just his second appearance of the season, allowed three goals on 10 shots before being replaced by Anthony Stolarz in the second period. Stolarz stopped 21 shots.

Connor's shot from the high slot found its way through

traffic for his 11th of the season to open scoring for Winnipeg midway through the first. It was Connor's first goal in 10 games.

Morrissey struck less than three minutes later with Radko Gudas off for roughing Scheifele. Morrissey — who returned to the Jets lineup Sunday after missing the last two games with a lower-body injury — beat a screened Neuvirth with a slap shot for his third goal of the season. Win-



Winnipeg Jets' Brandon Tanev (13) scores against Philadelphia Flyers' goaltender Michal Neuvirth (30) after getting past Flyers' Ivan Provorov (9) during second-period NHL hockey game action in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018.

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nipeg scored three times in the second period, with the first chasing Neuvirth

as Tanev jumped on a rebound for his fifth goal of the season. □

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Oklahoma's Murray beats Alabama's Tagovailoa for Heisman

By **RALPH D. RUSSO**

AP College Football Writer
NEW YORK (AP) —

Kyler Murray waited three years to fulfill the five-star potential he brought to college football. With one shot to deliver, Murray replaced a Heisman Trophy winner by becoming a Heisman Trophy winner.

The Oklahoma quarterback won college football's most prestigious individual award Saturday night, beating out Alabama's Tua Tagovailoa and setting up a College Football Playoff matchup of Heisman winner versus runner-up.

"This is crazy," Murray said in his acceptance speech. "This is an honor, something that I'll never forget. Something that I'll always cherish for the rest of my life."

The fourth-ranked Sooners play the top-ranked Crimson Tide in the Orange Bowl semifinal Dec. 29 in the seventh bowl matchup of Heisman winner and runner-up, and first since second-place finisher Vince Young and Texas beat Reggie Bush and Southern California in the 2006 Rose Bowl. This season, Murray stepped into the starting job at Oklahoma held by last year's Heisman winner and first overall NFL draft pick, Baker Mayfield. Oklahoma is the first school with Heisman-winning quarterbacks in consecutive seasons and the fifth overall with winners in back-to-back years. Mayfield was also a finalist in 2016.

"Luckily, we've been here three years in a row," Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley said. "We're going to have to start paying taxes here." Unlike most seasons, the winner was no foregone conclusion, but Murray (517 first-place votes and 2,167 points) ended up with a



Oklahoma quarterback Kyler Murray poses with the Heisman Trophy after winning the award Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018, in New York.

fairly comfortable margin of 296 points over Tagovailoa. Ohio State quarterback Dwayne Haskins, the other finalist, was a distant third with 783 points. Three more quarterbacks followed: Will Grier of West Virginia, Gardner Minshew II of Washington State and McKenzie Milton of Central Florida.

Murray appeared on 92 percent of the Heisman ballots, third most all time. Tagovailoa's 1,871 points was the most for a runner-up in the 84-year history of the Heisman.

Murray, a pinpoint passer and explosive runner, surpassed the production of Mayfield. Murray has averaged 380 yards of offense per game and accounted for 51 touchdowns in leading the Sooners to the Big 12 title and the playoff. Mayfield averaged 353 yards of offense and accounted

for 49 touchdowns as Oklahoma won the conference and lost a playoff semifinal to Georgia.

"This didn't just happen," Murray said later during a news conference. "I've put so much time and effort into this game."

Murray said he was in constant contact with Mayfield this week.

"It was just casual, bro to bro. He just told me to enjoy it. Have fun with it. It's a once-in-a-lifetime deal," Murray said.

Tagovailoa was the Heisman front-runner for most of the season, but Murray surged late as the Sooners turned to him and the rest of their offense to bail out a leaky defense down the stretch. Meanwhile, Tagovailoa picked a bad time to have his worst game of the season, throwing two interceptions in the Southeastern Conference cham-

pionship game against Georgia and leaving early with a sprained ankle.

Murray's first season as a starting quarterback in college is set up to also be his last. The junior already signed a \$4.66 million contract with the Oakland Athletic after he was selected in the first round of the Major League Baseball draft in June. Listed at 5-foot-10 and 195 pounds, Murray is small for an NFL quarterback but talented enough to be an intriguing prospect if he ever decided to give it a try.

For the next month, though, Murray is focused on capping his college career with a national championship. He took a circuitous route to get to a place most always expected him to be. Playing for Texas powerhouse Allen High School, just outside of Dallas, Murray won three straight

state championships at the state's highest level and his team went 42-0 with him starting. "Kyler's journey, in particular, it's kind of the stuff of legends," Riley said. "But with all the high points there's been a lot of tough moments."

Murray signed with Texas A&M in 2015 but transferred after one tumultuous season. At Oklahoma, the plan was to sit out the 2016 season to fulfil NCAA transfer rules and then step in for Mayfield in 2017. But Mayfield was granted an extra year of eligibility and returned for 2017, relegating Murray to backing up the best quarterback in the country.

This season, as the focal point of Riley's creative offense, Murray developed into the dominant player he had seemed destined to become while at Allen.

"I trusted the process," Murray said. He fought back tears while thanking Riley during his speech.

"You pushed me harder than any coach ever has and I just want to say thank you for believing in me and allowing me to be the quarterback of this team. The leader of this team," Murray said.

Murray is the fourth Oklahoma quarterback since 2003 to win the Heisman, joining Jason White, Sam Bradford and Mayfield, and the 16th quarterback overall to win the award in the last 19 years.

Oklahoma's seventh Heisman matches Ohio State, Southern California and Notre Dame for the most by any school. That means another statue in Heisman Park in Norman, next to Memorial Stadium.

"I just hope they put the bandana on me," Murray said. "I hope they get the swag right." □

ATL United

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Cheered on by the largest crowd in franchise history, United captured the crown in just its second season to set off a huge celebration in a city that has known so much sporting heartbreak. Owner Arthur Blank lifted a trophy and got soaked with champagne — less than two years after his other team, the NFL's Atlanta Falcons, squandered a 25-point lead in an epic Super Bowl collapse.

"My first night in my new house in Atlanta, I went to bed at halftime of the Super Bowl," defender Jeff Larentowicz said. "I woke up and I read the headlines and I couldn't believe what I saw."

Now, United had written a new headline.

Champs.

"Hopefully, we can transcend that past," Larentowicz said, "and move on to a new future for the city."

Martinez, capping the greatest goal-scoring season in MLS history, put United ahead in 39th minute. Escobar added an insurance goal in the 54th, turning the final minutes into a raucous, flag-waving cele-

bration and sending coach Tata Martino out with a title in his final game as coach. He's reportedly headed to Mexico to take over as that country's national coach.

"If I had to choose the way to leave somewhere, this is the best way," Martino said. "This is the way I wanted it to happen."

Atlanta reveled in its first title since the Braves won the 1995 World Series — a gap of 8,442 days, for those counting.

"Most of us aren't from here, so we don't know the pain that they've been through," said United captain Michael Parkhurst, who finally broke his own drought after playing on four runner-up teams. "I'm just happy that we could come through for them tonight. I know there were a lot of anxious and stressed-out fans."

After a surprising run in the playoffs, the Timbers were denied their second MLS championship after winning the cup in 2015. They prevailed on the road at Dallas, Seattle and Kansas City before coming up short in Atlanta.

"I'm extremely proud of the work we've had the entire



Atlanta United celebrates winning the MLS Cup championship soccer game 2-0 over the Portland Timbers, Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018, in Atlanta.

Associated Press

season," coach Giovanni Savaarese said. "To be able to get to the MLS Cup, we played a lot of difficult teams."

Since major league sports came to Atlanta in 1966, the only other team to win a championship in one of the five major sports also came on the soccer pitch. The Atlanta Chiefs claimed the title in the North American Soccer League's inaugural season in 1968.

While that team laid the groundwork, Atlanta Unit-

ed carried the sport to unprecedented levels in North America. The team shattered the MLS attendance record a year ago in its first season, and then took the mark even higher by averaging more than 53,000 per game this year — a level of support that would fit right in with the Premier League or La Liga. The crowd of 73,019 on Saturday easily eclipsed the previous record for an MLS Cup — 61,316 at New England's Gillette Stadium

in 2002. Queen's "We Are The Champions" blared throughout Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

"The first goal is always going to be massive one way or the other," Guzan said. "The second one really broke their backs."

United kept the ball in Portland's end of the field much of the first half. It seemed only a matter of time before Atlanta broke through.

Appropriately enough, it was Martinez. □

Harbaugh says he's staying at Michigan, not returning to NFL

By LARRY LAGE

AP Sports Writer

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) —

Jim Harbaugh insisted he is staying at Michigan.

Responding to speculation he's returning to the NFL, the former San Francisco 49ers coach told ESPN he is not going anywhere. "This is a choreographed message that comes up at this time every year before signing day," Harbaugh told ESPN. "It's people spreading messages to further their own personal agenda. But I'm on record right here, right now: I'm not going anywhere. I'm staying at Michigan. We have big plans here, and there's a lot we want to accomplish."

Former Ohio State star receiver and Fox Sports



In this Sept. 1, 2018, file photo, Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh stands on the field before the team's NCAA college football game against Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind.

Associated Press

analyst Cris Carter has said Harbaugh is a potential candidate to lead the Green Bay Packers and Cleveland Browns.

After Harbaugh and the eighth-ranked Wolverines

were celebrated Sunday at a banquet, he didn't want to discuss the topic much at a previously scheduled news conference to promote the team's appearance in

the Peach Bowl.

Why did he address it with ESPN? "To make a statement of it, to go on record and not be asked any more after that by people who like to yap and ask questions," Harbaugh told reporters. Michigan won 10 games this season for the third time under Harbaugh but dropped to 0-4 against the rival Buckeyes and fell out of the Big Ten and national championship races. The Wolverines face No. 10 Florida on Dec. 29 in the Peach Bowl. Harbaugh, who is 38-13 at Michigan, is in the fourth year of a seven-year contract with a compensation package that gives him more than \$7 million per year. He returned nearly four years ago to the school where

he was a star quarterback after going 44-19-1 with the 49ers, winning the 2012 NFC championship. "I'm so happy that he's our coach," Michigan athletic director Warde Manuel said. "And I look forward to him coaching, as I said before, until he retires from Michigan and ends his career here."

Manuel said it is a credit to Harbaugh that his name is often mentioned to fill openings in the NFL.

"Jim is one of the greatest coaches — college or pro," Manuel said.

Wolverines quarterback Shea Patterson said he hasn't thought about whether he will stay in school or pro, adding he plans to talk about his future with Harbaugh and his family. □

Sails make a comeback as shipping tries to go green

By **KELVIN CHAN**
AP Business Writer

LONDON (AP) — As the shipping industry faces pressure to cut climate-altering greenhouse gases, one answer is blowing in the wind.

European and U.S. tech companies, including one backed by airplane maker Airbus, are pitching futuristic sails to help cargo ships harness the free and endless supply of wind power. While they sometimes don't even look like sails — some are shaped like spinning columns — they represent a cheap and reliable way to reduce CO2 emissions for an industry that depends on a particularly dirty form of fossil fuels.

"It's an old technology," said Tuomas Riski, the CEO of Finland's Norsepower, which added its "rotor sail" technology for the first time to a tanker in August.

"Our vision is that sails are coming back to the seas." Denmark's Maersk Tankers is using its Maersk Pelican oil tanker to test Norsepower's 30 meter (98 foot) deck-mounted spinning columns, which convert wind into thrust based on an idea first floated nearly a century ago.

Separately, A.P. Moller-Maersk, which shares the same owner and is the world's biggest container shipping company, pledged this week to cut carbon emissions to zero by 2050, which will require developing commercially viable carbon neutral vessels by the end of next decade. The shipping sector's interest in "sail tech" and other ideas took on greater urgency after the International Maritime Organization, the U.N.'s maritime agency, reached an agreement in April to slash emissions by 50 percent by 2050.

Transport's contribution to earth-warming emissions are in focus as negotiators in Katowice, Poland, gather for U.N. talks to hash out the details of the 2015 Paris accord on curbing global warming.

Shipping, like aviation, isn't covered by the Paris



Finnish startup company Norsepower installed its rotor sail technology on the Maersk Pelican tanker, Aug. 29, 2018, in Rotterdam, Netherlands, in the first such installation on a tanker as the shipping industry tries new solutions in an effort to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

agreement because of the difficulty attributing their emissions to individual nations, but environmental activists say industry efforts are needed.

Ships belch out nearly 1 billion tons of carbon dioxide a year, accounting for 2-3 percent of global greenhouse gases. The emissions are projected to grow between 50 to 250 percent by 2050 if no action is taken. Notoriously resistant to change, the shipping industry is facing up to the need to cut its use of cheap but dirty "bunker fuel" that powers the global fleet of 50,000 vessels — the backbone of world trade.

The IMO is taking aim more broadly at pollution, requiring ships to start using low-sulfur fuel in 2020 and sending ship owners scrambling to invest in smokestack scrubbers, which clean exhaust, or looking at cleaner but pricier distillate fuels.

A Dutch group, the Goodshipping Program, is trying biofuel, which is made from organic matter.

It refueled a container vessel in September with 22,000 liters of used cooking oil, cutting carbon dioxide emissions by 40 tons.

In Norway, efforts to electrify maritime vessels are gathering pace, highlight-

ed by the launch of the world's first all-electric passenger ferry, Future of the Fjords, in April.

Chemical maker Yara is meanwhile planning to build a battery-powered autonomous container ship to ferry fertilizer between plant and port.

Ship owners have to move with the times, said Bjorn Tore Orvik, Yara's project leader.

Building a conventional fossil-fueled vessel "is a bigger risk than actually looking to new technologies ... because if new legislation suddenly appears then your ship is out of date," said Orvik.

Batteries are effective for coastal shipping, though not for long-distance sea voyages, so the industry will need to consider other "energy carriers" generated from renewable power, such as hydrogen or ammonia, said Jan Kjetil Paulsen, an advisor at the Bellona Foundation, an environmental non-government organization.

Wind power is also feasible, especially if vessels sail more slowly.

"That is where the big challenge lies today," said Paulsen.

Wind power looks to hold the most promise.

The technology behind Norsepower's rotor sails, also known as Flettner rotors, is based on the principle that airflow speeds up on one side of a spinning object and slows on the other.

That creates a force that can be harnessed.

Rotor sails can generate thrust even from wind coming from the side of a ship. German engineer Anton Flettner pioneered the idea in the 1920s but the concept languished because it couldn't compete with cheap oil.

On a windy day, Norsepower says rotors can replace up to 50 percent of a ship's engine propulsion. Overall, the company says it can cut fuel consumption by 7 to 10 percent.

Maersk Tankers said the rotor sails have helped the Pelican use less engine power or go faster on its travels across, resulting in better fuel efficiency, though it didn't give specific figures.

One big problem with rotors is they get in the way of port cranes that load and unload cargo. To get around that, U.S. startup Magnuss has developed a retractable version.

The New York-based company is raising \$10 million to

build its concept, which involves two 50-foot (15-meter) steel cylinders that retract below deck.

"It's just a better mousetrap," said CEO James Rhodes, who says his target market is the "Panamax" size bulk cargo ships carrying iron ore, coal or grain. High tech versions of conventional sails are also on the drawing board.

Spain's bound4blue's aircraft wing-like sail and collapses like an accordion, according to a video of a scaled-down version from a recent trade fair. The first two will be installed next year followed by five more in 2020.

The company is in talks with 15 more ship owners from across Europe, Japan, China and the U.S. to install its technology, said co-founder Cristina Aleixendrei.

Ship owners are now "more desperate for new technology to reduce fuel consumption," she said

Airseas, backed by European plane maker Airbus, plans to deploy its parachute-like automated kite sails on ships ferrying fuselages from France to Alabama starting in 2020.

The company predicts that the "Seawing" will reduce fuel use by 20 percent on the 13-day journey. □

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GM plant closing not expected to stall Detroit's rebound

By COREY WILLIAMS

Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors' planned shutdown of its Detroit-Hamtramck plant would leave only one auto assembly factory in the city known for "putting America on wheels," but the closure and job losses are not expected to stall-out Detroit's comeback since its 2014 bankruptcy exit.

Experts say a more tech-driven and medical industry economy is moving Detroit further from a reliance on manufacturing and that GM's downsizing in the name of cost-cutting and investment in autonomous and electric vehicles won't hurt as much as past mass layoffs and plant closings.

Detroit once was home to about a dozen massive assembly plants. A Fiat-Chrysler facility on the east side would be the last if GM closes its Detroit-Hamtramck plant. About 1,500 people work at the GM plant while Fiat-Chrysler's Jefferson Avenue plant employs about 5,000. Fiat-Chrysler reportedly plans to reopen a former engine plant on the city's east side to make Jeep Grand Cherokee SUVs with three rows of seats starting with the 2021 model year.

"Manufacturing is now a tech industry — you don't have to hire as many people to make as much stuff," said Ned Staebler, president and chief executive of the small business incubator TechTown Detroit. "It's not just General Motors. Every major OEM (original equipment manufacturer), major manufacturer is going through similar processes. It's a trend that is going to continue."

GM wants to close four facilities in the United States and one in Canada. Nearly all of the 8,000 white-collar jobs GM expects to cut company-wide would be at the automaker's technical center just north of Detroit in Macomb County's Warren.

Some of the 3,300 global blue-collar job losses would come from the Detroit-



In a Dec. 7, 2009 file photo, Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm drives a pre-production Chevrolet Volt at the Hamtramck Assembly plant in Hamtramck, Mich.

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Hamtramck plant and a transmission facility in Warren. The jobs account for only .2 percent of local county employment "muting the immediate effect of the plant closures," Moody's Investors Service said in a report.

That means there is less reliance on those jobs and plants to supply tax dollars needed to help pay for city services and fill out Detroit's operating budget.

But, Moody's wrote, the impact could grow "as GM reduces salaried employees, if reduced production hurts ancillary suppliers or if there is a broader slowdown in the industry."

Detroit will experience some loss of tax revenue from the plant and people working there, said law professor Anthony Sabino of the Tobin College of Business at St. Johns University in New York.

Owners of shops and restaurants that catered to those workers will be impacted, too.

"This will not derail the (city's) 21st century renaissance. They are working from a solid foundation. If

this had happened prior to the city's reorganization it could have been far more harmful," Sabino said.

Detroit was about \$12 billion in debt before filing for bankruptcy in 2013. Much of that was erased or restructured allowing the city to improve services, like police and fire, and invest in neighborhoods.

Detroit's general fund balance was about \$595 million at the end of the 2017 fiscal year, compared to a deficit of about \$73 million that the city faced at the end of the 2013 fiscal year following years of a plummeting population and tax base.

A \$36 million operating surplus was expected for the fiscal year 2018.

A 30-year jobs forecast by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments forecasts manufacturing jobs in Detroit falling from 23,000 three years ago to 16,000 by 2045. Over that same time, professional and technical services, corporate headquarters, administrative, support, waste services and health care jobs are expected

to rise. Preliminary figures from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics pegged unemployment in Detroit in September at 7.9 percent. While this is still well above the U.S. rate of 3.7 percent, Detroit's unemployment has been dropping since January 2014 when it was nearly 18 percent. Detroit's unemployment rate was 28.9 percent in June 2009. Preparing Detroit's workforce for non-manufacturing jobs is one of the next hurdles.

Mayor Mike Duggan has said more residents are enrolling in Detroit At Work free training programs. The programs offer training and certifications for jobs that include information technology, truck driving, health careers, computer networking and culinary arts.

But many people in the city are not prepared for tech-related jobs that are in Detroit or on the way, said Ida Byrd-Hill, president of Detroit-based Uplift Inc. which provides computer programming language training.

"A lot of the training pro-

grams have not really reached out to women or people of color," said Byrd-Hill, who added that funding has been limited for local tech-training providers. Companies are looking for more educated and tech savvy workers, especially those with critical thinking, communications, collaborating and team building skills — someone who is "able to think critically about when to use the appropriate piece of technology," said TechTown's Staebler. With Ford also considering thousands of white-collar cuts, Detroit-area auto industry workers may find it difficult to find new jobs or match their salaries if they go to other industries, said David Kudla, CEO of Mainstay Capital Management in Grand Blanc, Michigan, which advises many auto industry employees. "You're going to be going out in a marketplace where everybody is cutting back," he said.

Those with skills in developing autonomous or electric vehicles will have an easier time finding work, Kudla said. □

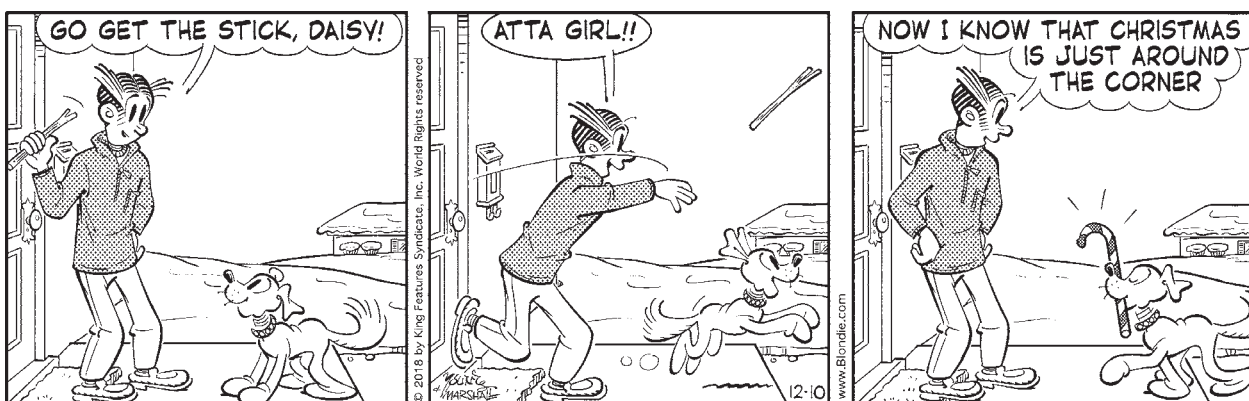
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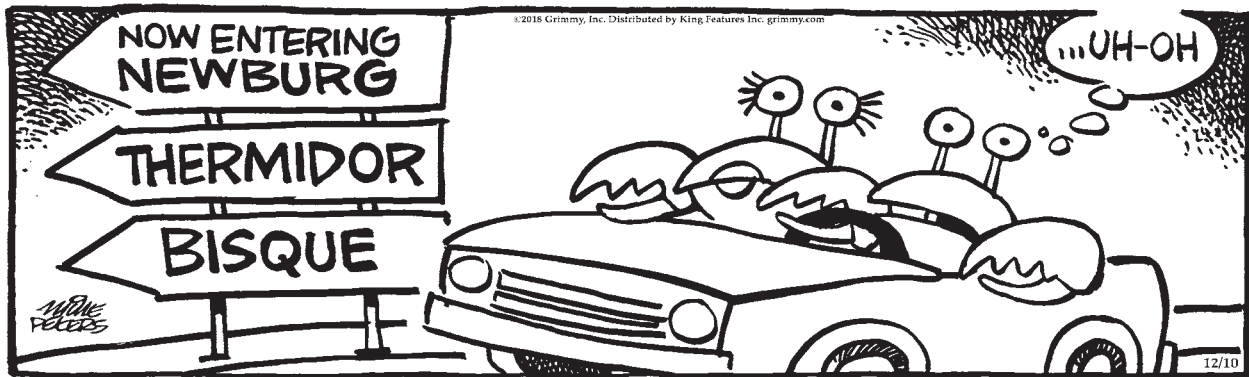
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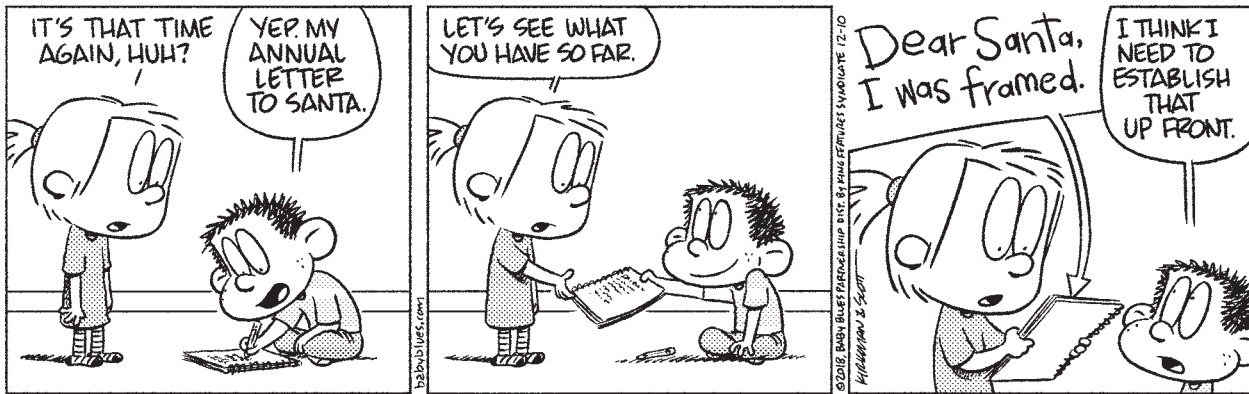
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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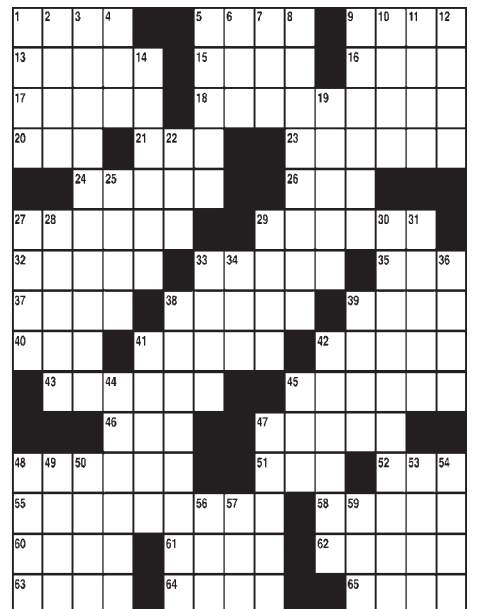
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ACROSS

- Turn over
- "Get lost!"
- Defect
- Ocean ____; Titanic or Queen Mary
- "It's all Greek ____"
- Churchill Downs event
- Flabbergast
- Deserted
- Wynken, Blynken and ____
- 1995-2005 TV crime drama series
- Actor James
- Wed without fanfare
- Scoundrel
- Declare innocent, as a defendant
- Messy home
- Make butter
- Dories & dinghies
- Curtain holder
- Yellowish-brown wood
- Child's bear
- ____ one's time; wait
- Start of the weekend; abbr.
- Baseball's Barry ____
- Very early bedtime
- Pavarotti & Caruso
- Truly
- Up in the ____; not yet settled
- Yuletide visitor
- Hubby or wife
- Ring king
- Hit a tennis ball in a high arc
- Friendly
- State one's views
- Prefix for way or diocese
- Old Roman attire
- Bulldozed
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- Took to court
- ____ than honest; not quite truthful

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- Caramel-topped custard
- Long car
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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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Empty boxes top high-tech toys on doctor-recommended list

By **LINDSEY TANNER**
AP Medical Writer

Skip the costly electronic games and flashy digital gizmos.

Pediatricians say the best toys for tots are old-fashioned hands-on playthings that young children can enjoy with parents — things like blocks, puzzles — even throwaway cardboard boxes — that spark imagination and creativity.

"A cardboard box can be used to draw on, or made into a house," said Dr. Alan Mendelsohn, co-author of a new report on selecting toys for young children, up to around age 5.

Many parents feel pressured by ads promoting tablet-based toys and games as educational and brain-stimulating but there's not much science to back up those claims, Mendelsohn said.

Their main misconception: "The toy that is best is the one that is the most expensive or has the most bells and whistles or is the most technologically sophisticated."

Simpler hands-on toys that parents and young children can play with together are preferable for healthy development, said Mendelsohn, a pediatrician at NYU Langone Health in New York.

The report published Monday by the American Academy of Pediatrics cites studies suggesting that heavy use of electronic media may interfere with children's speech and language development, replace important playtime with parents and lead to obesity.

Studies also have found that more than 90 percent of U.S. kids have used mobile devices and most started using them before age 1.

The pediatricians' group recommends no screen time for children up to age 2, and says total screen time including TV and computer use should be less than one hour daily for ages 2 and older.



In this Friday, Nov. 9, 2018 photo, toys sit on the shelves at a Walmart Supercenter in Houston.

"A little bit of screen time here and there is unlikely to have much harm if a child otherwise has other activity," Mendelsohn said. But he added that screen time can overwhelm young children and is difficult to limit and control.

The academy's website offers suggestions on ideal toys for young children, including balls, puzzles, coloring books and card games.

Shopping recently at Dancing Bear Toys in Asheville, N.C., a store that doesn't sell electronic toys, Leah Graham Stewart said she supports the academy's advice even if avoiding digital toys and games is tough.

She said she's noticed her two young boys tend to misbehave after playing on an iPad she typically reserves for long airplane rides.

"We try to keep it as minimal as possible," Graham Stewart said. "I just tell them to go outside and play."

Erika Evers, Dancing Bear's co-owner, said the store's

mission is to give kids an alternative to tech toys.

"Not that video games and electronic toys don't have their place — in moderation, in our opinion," she said.

"But we feel like kids really need opportunities to socialize and interact with their environment in a way that is hands-on and tangible." □

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NASA spacecraft arrives at ancient asteroid, its 1st visitor

By **MARCIA DUNN**

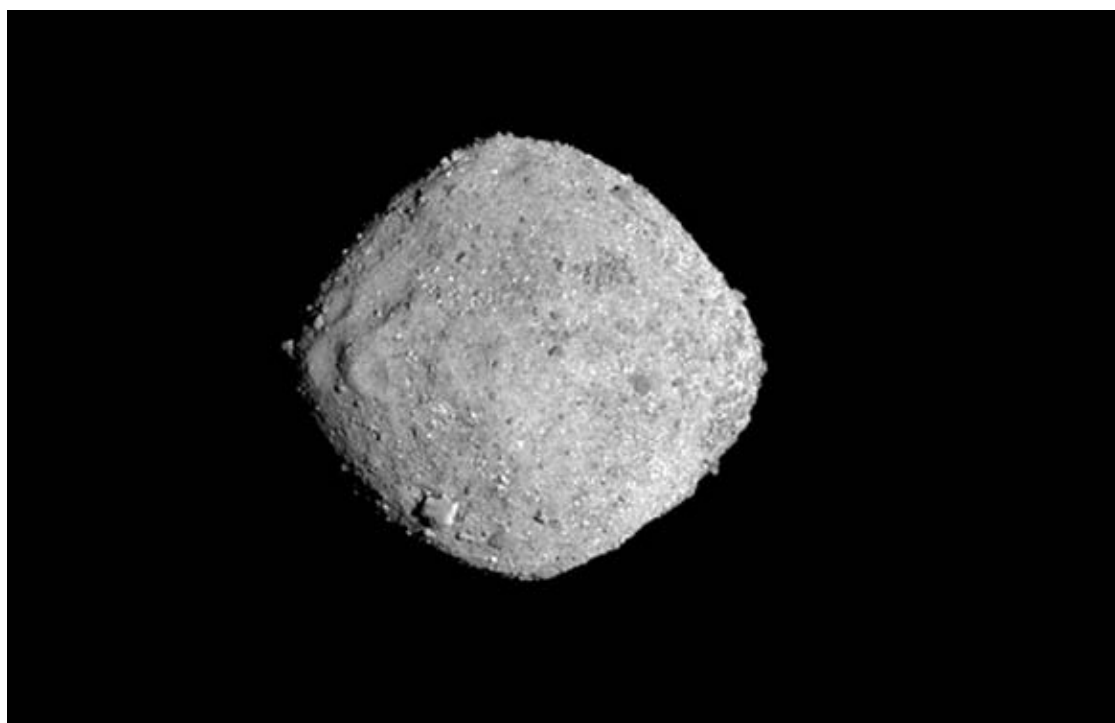
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

(AP) — NASA's new Mars lander has captured the first sounds of the "really unworldly" Martian wind.

The Jet Propulsion Laboratory released audio clips of the alien wind Friday. The low-frequency rumblings were collected by the InSight lander during its first week of operations at Mars. The wind is estimated to be blowing 10 mph to 15 mph (16 kph to 24 kph). These are the first sounds from Mars that are detectible by human ears, according to the researchers.

"Reminds me of sitting outside on a windy summer afternoon ... In some sense, this is what it would sound like if you were sitting on the InSight lander on Mars," Cornell University's Don Banfield told reporters. Scientists involved in the project agree the sound has an otherworldly quality



This Friday, Dec. 7, 2018 photo made available by NASA shows a view from the arm-mounted camera on the InSight Mars lander. The spacecraft arrived on the planet on Nov. 26.

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to it.

Thomas Pike of Imperial College London said the rumbling is "rather different to anything that we've experienced on Earth, and I think it just gives us another

way of thinking about how far away we are getting these signals."

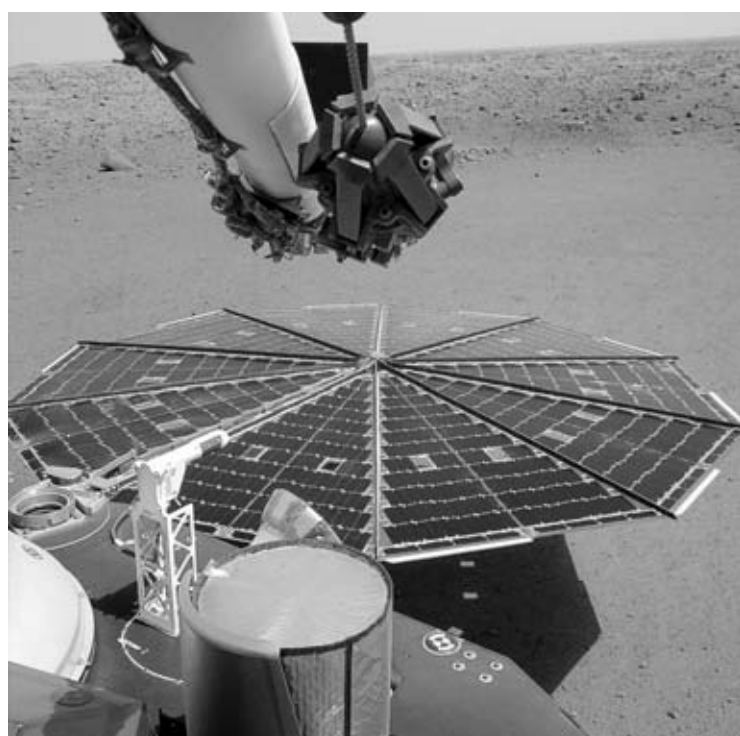
The noise is of the wind blowing against InSight's solar panels and the resulting vibration of the entire

spacecraft. The sounds were recorded by an air pressure sensor inside the lander that's part of a weather station, as well as the seismometer on the deck of the spacecraft.

The low frequencies are a result of Mars' thin air density and even more so the seismometer itself — it's meant to detect underground seismic waves, well below the threshold of human hearing. The seismometer will be moved to the Martian surface in the coming weeks; until then, the team plans to record more wind noise.

The 1976 Viking landers on Mars picked up spacecraft shaking caused by wind, but it would be a stretch to consider it sound, said InSight's lead scientist, Bruce Banerdt, of JPL in Pasadena, California. InSight landed on Mars on Nov. 26.

"We're all still on a high from the landing last week ... and here we are less than two weeks after landing, and we've already got some amazing new science," said NASA's Lori Glaze, acting director of planetary science. "It's cool, it's fun." □



This Nov. 16, 2018, image provided by NASA shows the asteroid Benu. After a two-year chase, a NASA spacecraft has arrived at the ancient asteroid Benu, its first visitor in billions of years.

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New NASA lander captures 1st sounds of Martian wind

By **MARCIA DUNN**

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)

— After a two-year chase, a NASA spacecraft arrived Monday at the ancient asteroid Benu, its first visitor in billions of years.

The robotic explorer Osiris-Rex pulled within 12 miles (19 kilometers) of the diamond-shaped space rock. It will get even closer in the days ahead and go into orbit around Benu on Dec. 31. No spacecraft has ever orbited such a small cosmic body.

It is the first U.S. attempt to gather asteroid samples for return to Earth, something only Japan has accomplished so far.

Flight controllers applauded and exchanged high-fives once confirmation came through that Osiris-Rex made it to Benu — exactly one week after NASA landed a spacecraft on Mars.

"Relieved, proud, and

anxious to start exploring!" tweeted lead scientist Dante Lauretta of the University of Arizona. "To Benu and back!"

With Benu some 76 million miles (122 million kilometers) away, it took seven minutes for word to get from the spacecraft to flight controllers at Lockheed Martin in Littleton, Colorado. The company built the spacecraft there.

Benu is estimated to be just over 1,600 feet (500 meters) across. Researchers will provide a more precise description at a scientific meeting next Monday in Washington.

About the size of an SUV, the spacecraft will shadow the asteroid for a year, before scooping up some gravel for return to Earth in 2023.

Scientists are eager to study material from a carbon-rich asteroid like dark Benu, which could hold evidence dating back to

the beginning of our solar system 4.5 billion years ago. As such, it's an astronomical time capsule.

A Japanese spacecraft, meanwhile, has been hanging out at another near-Earth asteroid since June, also for samples. It is Japan's second asteroid mission. This latest rock is named Ryugu and about double the size of Benu.

Osiris-Rex aims to collect at least 60 grams, or 2 ounces, of dust and gravel. The spacecraft won't land, but rather use a 10-foot (3-meter) mechanical arm in 2020 to momentarily touch down and vacuum up particles. The sample container would break loose and head toward Earth in 2021. The collection — parachuting down to Utah — would represent the biggest cosmic haul since the Apollo astronauts hand-delivered moon rocks to Earth in the late 1960s and early 1970s. □

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La Scala premiere 'Attila' speaks to today's global turmoil

By COLLEEN BARRY

Associated Press

MILAN (AP) — La Scala's season premiere Friday of a new production of Verdi's "Attila" took on contemporary themes of male leaders selling out to self-interest while the final act of heroism falls to a woman -- and won over an audience that included Italy's president.

"Not even a rapper from the Bronx is as contemporary as Verdi," said the production's stage director, Davide Livermore.

The audience of gala premiere VIPs applauded for 13 minutes for the opera, conducted by musical director Riccardo Chailly, and welcomed President Sergio Mattarella at the start of the evening with a resounding five minutes of applause. Chailly waited patiently at the podium to begin the performance.

"Mattarella is serving an extraordinary mandate. It is very justified an applause of this length seeing the commitment and difficulty that he has had confronted and is confronting," Chailly said. After the performance, Chailly said that the president told him that music and culture were "the bastions of democracy."

While the Dec. 7 premiere is a highlight of the European cultural calendar, the audience was mostly filled with Milan VIPs. Several government ministers attended alongside Mattarella, but none of the country's populist leaders.

The timing of the "Attila" premiere — against a backdrop of increasing populism, global insecurity and women's rising power via the #MeToo movement and U.S. midterm elections — is coincidental.

"Attila" was chosen years ago by musical director Chailly to be the second in a trilogy dedicated to Verdi's early works, starting with "Giovanna d'Arco," which opened the 2015-16 season, and "Macbeth," which has yet to be announced. In the prologue, Attila, sung by Russian bass Ildar Abdrazakov, accuses the Roman general Ezio,



This undated photo made available by La Scala opera theater on Dec. 5, 2018 shows Spanish soprano Saïoa Hernandez, on the ground, and Russian bass Ildar Abdrazakov, right, performing during a rehearsal of Giuseppe Verdi's "Attila", in Milan, Italy.

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portrayed by Romanian baritone George Petean, of betraying his people when he offers to give invaders the rest of the empire in exchange for the Italian peninsula.

Abdrazakov enters on a horse, adding drama but raising protests by animal rights activists. A papal figure arrived on a white horse later, to confront Attila. Livermore said the animals in the production are professionally trained and that all proper procedures were followed.

The confrontation between Attila and Ezio has a political message that resonates today. "Attila teaches Ezio a moral lesson. He says: 'You don't sell out a country for your personal account,'" Livermore said. At that point, Livermore initially envisioned having a bridge in the background collapse as a symbol of ruin, but after the Genoa bridge collapse that killed 43 people earlier this year, he changed the staging. Now the bridge was pulled apart, leaving a gap. While Verdi's drama was set in the 5th Century, Livermore's chose a 21st Century staging, with uniforms and vehicles recalling World War II.

Spanish soprano Saïoa Hernandez made her debut at La Scala and in the role of Odabella, who ultimately

avenges the death of her father, the leader of Aquileia, by killing Attila. Italian tenor Fabio Sartori sang the role of Foresto, the knight who loves Odabella and fears she is betraying both him and her country. Abdrazakov, who sang in his third La Scala season premiere, said it was always his dream to sing "Attila" at the famed Milanese opera house.

"In the early 1990s, when I had no interest in opera or classical music, I saw a video of 'Attila' at La Scala. I don't know what happened, but the next day I went to my teacher and said I wanted to study opera," he said. "Slowly, thanks to Attila and La Scala, I feel in love with opera." □

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'Fresh Prince' star Reid focuses on a creative life

By LYNN ELBER

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — When Daphne Maxwell Reid filmed a scene that required her to dash through woods and across streams, the younger actors scrambling alongside her were surprised. "You're keeping up with us?" was the sentiment, said Reid, 70, who played Aunt Vivian opposite Will Smith on "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" and starred with her husband, Tim Reid, in "Frank's Place." "I stay ready in this business," said the actress, who taped the action scene for an upcoming film. She's currently on the small screen in "Jacqueline and Jilly," as grandmother to a young woman struggling with a prescription drug addiction. The miniseries is streaming through Jan. 10 on UMC, the Urban Movie Channel. Reid has shown before she's capable of meeting challenges. As a model, she was one of the first African-American women featured on the cover of Glamour (preceded by



This image released by Urban Movie Channel shows Daphne Maxwell Reid, left, and Richard Brooks in "Jacqueline and Jilly," premiering on streaming service UMC – Urban Movie Channel on Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018.

Katiti Kironde, winner of the magazine's "best-dressed college girl" contest) and was the first elected as homecoming queen at Northwestern University. The magazine coup was a breeze for Reid, who dabbled in modeling in college after impressing power-

house agency head Eileen Ford. But even Reid was surprised when a brief photo session resulted in a shot of the smiling, fresh-faced beauty on Glamour's cover in October 1969. Her experience at her alma mater was less comfortable. She entered the Northwestern contest as a lark only to encounter a stinging backlash. After she won, she said,

the school "just ignored me. They didn't put it in the yearbook, it wasn't that 'important,' although the year before the girl had gotten a three-page spread." In response, she cut ties with Northwestern after graduating until, decades later, she got an apology and an invitation to crown the new queen. For "Fresh Prince," she had to persuade viewers to ac-

cept her as Vivian after replacing original cast member Janet Hubert in the role. Reid, who's settled with her filmmaker-actor husband in his native Virginia, had the luxury of staying close to home when "Jacqueline and Jilly" shot in the state. The miniseries, starring Nikko Austen Smith ("Queen Sugar"), was written and directed by Victoria Rowell ("The Young and the Restless"), who's also in the cast. Reid doesn't rely on acting as her only creative outlet. After a lifetime of taking photos, including on her travels, friends encouraged her to consider a gallery showing.

"I thought you have to be an artist to do that," she replied. "They said, 'Why don't you be an artist?'" On her 60th birthday, she decided to take them up on the suggestion. "I had to figure out what that encompasses, and the journey was the joy," said Reid, who had produced books, calendars and more with her photos, with distinctive doors her favorite subject. "I think it's a metaphor for life for me. ... Every decision you make is basically opening a new door." □

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Buzzcocks co-founder Pete Shelley dies at 63

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Pete Shelley, the singer-songwriter and co-founder of the punk band the Buzzcocks, has died at age 63. On Thursday, the band confirmed "with great sadness" his death and called him "one of the U.K.'s most influential and prolific songwriters." The Buzzcocks announced in a tweet on its website. It did not elaborate on the details of Shelley's death but said that more information would be released later. The Buzzcocks were part of the punk revolution which began in England in the mid-1970s and also featured such groups as the Sex Pistols and the Clash. Like their contemporaries, the Buzzcocks scorned



In this May 19, 2018, file photo, Pete Shelley, of the British punk band Buzzcocks, performs at Plaza Condesa in the 6th edition of the Marvin Festival in Mexico City.

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what they considered the pretensions and bloated style of mainstream groups and turned out brief, stripped down songs, performed at manic speed. Their singles included "Ever Fallen in Love (With Someone You Shouldn't've)," the

explicit "Orgasm Addict" and "What Do I Get?" Their energy and intensity were worthy of punk, but they also had a melodic streak, with the song "Everybody's Happy Nowadays" sounding at times like a punk version of the Beach Boys. □

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Dolly Parton builds on film successes with 'Dumplin'' song

By **MIKE CIDONI LENNOX**

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dolly Parton says she never really aspired to be "The Girl in the Movies," the title of her Golden Globe-nominated song from the new comedy "Dumplin'."

Co-written with hit machine Linda Perry, the song expresses the rebellious, plus-sized title character's secret longing to fit in, to have happy Hollywood endings — just like "the girl in the movies."

While Parton said she could relate to many elements of the song's lyrics, "I never had a dream of being on the screen. I figured I'd grow into that, and I did. But my music was most important."

Parton was a long-established country superstar and had crossed over to the pop charts with the 1977 smash "Here You Come Again" when Hollywood called.



In this Sept. 15, 2017 file photo, Dolly Parton arrives at the 69th Primetime Emmy Awards Variety and Women in Film pre-Emmy celebration in Los Angeles.

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"I had been approached about acting in some things, but I wasn't quite ready," she recalled. "Then Jane (Fonda) came to me and said that they want to do this movie with me and Lily (Tomlin), and I thought, 'Well, this is the perfect time, if I'm ever going to do it, because if it was a hit,

we could all take credit. But if it was a flop, I could blame it on them,'" Parton explained, with a laugh. The film, the searing workplace comedy "9 to 5," became the No. 2 box-office film released in 1980 behind only "The Empire Strikes Back," according to Box Office Mojo. "9 to 5"

also inspired Parton's only solo pop-chart topper, a TV series and a Broadway musical. The title song earned Parton an Oscar nomination and Parton's new compositions for the stage musical were honored with a Tony nomination.

Parton, 72, went on to score a handful of other box-office successes as an actress, including the screen adaptations of the stage hits "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" (1982) and "Steel Magnolias" (1989). And she provided her voice to the 2011 animated blockbuster "Gnomeo and Juliet."

"People always tell me, 'I thought that was Whitney's song. I didn't know you wrote it. I thought she wrote it,'" Parton said, with a smile, adding, "And I tell them, 'She can have the credit. I'll just take the cash.'"

The song "9 to 5" has been a gift that keeps on giving

for Parton, too. Parton's original recording accompanied a back-to-work montage in this spring's "Deadpool 2."

"My nieces and nephews didn't even think of me as being a star until they heard my song in that movie," Parton commented. "I was touched by that. The kids got a kick out of it."

Like the song, the nearly 40-year-old "9 to 5" movie continues to resonate with contemporary audiences — and little wonder since it tackles pay-parity issues, as well as sexual harassment.

Cue the sequel.

"Pat Resnick (who co-wrote the original film) and (actress-director) Rashida Jones are working on a new script," Parton said. "Fox already bought it. Jane, Lily and I said, 'Yes, we would do it,' and there will be three new girls in it, too. Forty years later, it's still addressing a lot of those issues we had back then." □

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